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To AGRICOLA.

KING WILLIAM, *Nov.* 24, 1779.

IF your boasted zeal for the welfare of your country is sincere, I applaud it; and should be happy to see the productions of men of science and abilities more frequently exhibited in correction of publick errours and abuses; but before they accuse men in office, they should be well informed, pointed, and explicit in their charge, and discriminating betwixt the good and the bad; for general accusation is in fact no accusation at all, but tends only to destroy the necessary confidence which the publick should have in their servants, and to sap the foundation of that government they seem anxious to support.

You have, Sir, published a charge of the highest criminality against Commissaries and others, who purchase for the publick on commission, no less than being instrumental with forestallers and speculators, in subverting, in an extensive latitude, the welfare of the United States, and effecting injuries which the arms of our enemies have in vain attempted. Your piece being written and published in this state, it follows that your accusation is founded, if any foundation at all, on observations you have made within it; therefore it is incumbent on me, who have been the principal officer of the commissariate in this department for nearly four years, to call upon you for an explanation, and in the interim to answer your general charge, leveled, not only at Commissaries, but all who purchase for the publick on commission, and in which you undoubtedly involve those who make the appointments: What a set of rulers must they be, who, having an opportunity of the most extensive choice, have unsolicitedly selected the most abandoned wretches in existance to supply their armies, and after repeated proofs of their conduct, to re-elect them into office; nay, to thank them for their services, and continue them therein a great length of time. Have the Commissaries, to your knowledge, given higher prices than were current? Is a dollar in their hands of more worth than in the hands of an individual? Or what advantage can result to a Commissary to raise the price of an article in order to increase his commissions, when all others rise in due proportion? What is ten pounds better than ten shillings, when it will purchase no more? Certainly Agricola, thy charge refutes itself; for a Commissary must first purchase before he can draw his commissions; and as articles for the last twelve months have risen each month, week, or day, supposing the Commissary so attentive to his interest as to appropriate to his own use his commissions as they become due, must he not, even then, under our present circumstances, do it to a disadvantage? But I can prove the contrary to be the truth of the case, so far as relates to myself; and that the commissions due me last year, when they commenced, have not been applied to my own use till since I resigned my office the first instant, but hath, with more money of my own, than I have received from the commencement of the war for my publick services, been used in support of the credit of my office, not having time to apply it otherwise; so far from benefiting by the depreciation of money, I can truly say, that every shilling I have earned for the last two years, hath been sunk by it, with considerable sums in addition, acquired by successful connexions in foreign trade. I will mention one instance, in February last, William Goosley, Esq; at York, who managed a concern that I was interested in, purchased at my request, and with my money, 200 bushels of allum salt for the publick, of which I did not get an account till a month or two past, or resume the money till the salt would have sold at 5800 pounds profit. An instance of the same sort happened last year: I had a quantity of tobacco in the neighbourhood of South Quay, purchased for a commercial plan, to have been conducted by Mr. Walter Hopkins, but a Burmudian arriving with a cargo of allum salt, for which he would only take tobacco, I parted with it to him at a price, in exchange for salt, at 50 shillings per bushel, which when I received late in the year, when I had occasion for the money, would not have replaced more than half the quantity of tobacco; on the other hand, I have by the sale of an inconsiderable quantity of damaged flour, which but for depreciation would not have sold for one third of the cost, raised a sufficient profit to pay all the commissions I have received. I mention these circumstances to show that it hath been my interest, as well as my duty, to support the credit of our currency: This I can prove I have attempted to the full extent of my abilities, and with labours, anxiety, and disagreements that I would not again encounter for the whole wealth of the continent. Can you then suppose, that for the trifling pittance of ten shillings, and in fact for the reasons before given, nothing the richer for it, that I would so debase myself as to involve my country in a real loss of one hundred pounds? For half per cent is the allowance to the Commissary, and Deputy Commissaries General, the assistants have two per cent, but the same reasoning may be extended to them, and they are so immediately connected with the Deputy Commissary General, that both offices must be liable to the same accusation if supported; for Deputy Commissary General, who continues an assistant, actuated by such base principles, after they come to his knowledge, makes himself an accessory, and so attentive have I been to them, that in many instances I have given them disquietude, by attributing too hastily to them as you have done, the effects of depreciation, of which subsequent circumstances have proved them innocent, and in justice to those Gentlemen, I can truly add, that I believe the continent cannot boast of men of greater integrity that may be found amongst them, few of them have been employed more than twelve months; the business before was chiefly conducted by myself; the first nine months at a sallary of two dollars; the next five, at two and a half; and the next ten, at five dollars per day; and since the 24th of April, 1778, the reward hath been a commission as aforesaid; and as you make that the criterion of your charge, I will quote the prices given since for the principal articles, to prove you are mistaken; to go further back may too greatly lengthen this address, let it then suffice that I can confidently pronounce, that in point of moderation, they were not to be exceeded, if equalled, in the United States, which, with the quantities and seasonableness of the supplies, procured me the warmest thanks of the two preceeding Commissaries General; a third succeeded to the office about that time, and it was then that I received, with the new system giving commissions, a resolution of Congress, in answer to an application I had made to resign, requiring my continuance, accompanied by a most polite and friendly letter of thanks from his Excellency President Laurens; * but finding my continuance in office productive of much injury to my private affairs, and unhappiness to myself in being cut off from my family, and subject to the complaints of many discontented individuals, who like yourself, were unacquainted with circumstances, and to have the most unfavourable constructions put upon my best intentions, which hath more than once, occasioned me to claim a hearing of the Executive, to whom I have been happy enough to give the most perfect satisfaction: I say, notwithstanding the grateful reception my services met with from those who had the best opportunity of judging of them, these conciderations indeced me to continue my solicitations to resign, which have been resisted (with permission to remove my office to my own home) until lately, when the present Commissary General, at my most urgent request, granted me a dismission in terms of approbation, thanks, and friendship, equal to my wishes, or to any I had received before, but not before he had again required my continuance to the end of the campaign, when he meant himself to resign.

In 1778, my purchases were chiefly confined to salt and salted provisions, only as much flour as was necessary for the posts and thoroughfares in this state, at, from 18 to 25 per cent. The article of salt I had been promised early in the summer, 1779, would be imported on continental account. Late in the fall, finding a total disappointment like to take place, and instead of being supplied, was called upon to aid the middle department: I began a purchase, which I communicated to the Executive, who being much alarmed at the demand, on account of the inhabitants, came to a resolution for bidding me to purchase in this state, and recommending my dispatching a messenger to Charlestown, which I immediately complied with, by sending the Mr. Hopkins before mentioned, but it was too late for a timely supply; therefore, in January, the Assembly passed a law, authorising seizures at five pounds per bushel, and expences, which raised the price of some quantities to six or seven pounds; notwithstanding which, by subsequent purchases of the Burmudian before mentioned, and others, and the importation from Charlestown, the average of the whole amounting to near 120000 bushels, was reduced to three pounds twelve shillings and nine pence halfpenny per bushel. Our purchase of salted meats amounted to 7221 barrels of pork and beef, but little of the latter, and 290,458 lb. of bacon, the former at the average price of 14l. 15s 6d. per barrel, the latter one shilling and nine pence farthing per pound, one fourth lower than the lowest current price that year.

Last winter's purchase amounted to about four millions pounds of pork, half a million of which, at, and under eight pounds; the residue (except a very small quantity) at ten; about half a million pounds of beef, under the average of one shilling; and thirty eight thousand four hundred and sixty nine and one eight bushels of salt (including the remains of the old stock) which will not exceed four pounds per bushel average, a quantity sufficient for the last and the ensuing curing season, and a few thousand bushels to spare to the middle department. In our wheat and flour contracts, we were not so fortunate, a number of combining circumstances, forced conditional

* *Early this morning I was honoured with a visit from this Gentleman, on his journey to the southward, and had his permission to publish this circumstance; and in this visit, the first of our personal acquaintance, I had the most humble testimony, that his good opinion of me had not abated (notwithstanding I have been asking leave to resign upon commissions) and in terms both warm and in the letter, that might be thought arrogant in me to mention. This fact is offered with reluctance, as some of my enemies have attributed my resignation to worthless,*

contracts upon us, Both of which, for flour, remain yet unsettled. The whole purchase amounts to about twenty thousand bushels of wheat, and ten thousand barrels of flour; the wheat hath been settled for, about one half at ten dollars, about one fourth at five, and the residue at, from three to four dollars per bushel; the production of which is not included in the ten thousand barrels of flour above mentioned, about six thousand of which, including some meal bought at fixed prices, will not, I think, exceed ten pounds average, it being bought at great variety of prices, from 55s. upwards, in small and large quantities, cannot be conveniently ascertained, or a distinct description of each given at present. I will shortly repair to Williamsburg with my books, where the representatives of the people may satisfy themselves of the injustice of your charge, and the truth of the allegation I have advanced. In the average of the flour I do not mean to include a few purchases made of the new crop, forced by necessity, at very extravagant rates, but lower than I believe it can be had elsewhere in the United States. For the number of troops supported in this state, it must be imagined a great variety of articles hath been purchased in addition to those enumerated, some of which have been unreasonably extravagant, but I doubt not as low as they could be purchased; and before I quitted the office, six thousand barrels were engaged (many of which are delivered) at the high price of three shillings per pound, giving in the fifth quarter; indeed a higher price hath been given for that article, in smaller quantities, since the season commenced.

Having already trespassed exceedingly on the publick and the printers, I will forbear to mention many other facts and circumstances which I could offer in refutation of your unmerited and ungrateful calumny; therefore, after asking pardon of my readers for the several circumstances you have compelled me to mention respecting myself, which may be thought ostentatious, and which would otherwise have dwelled in oblivion, conclude with this observation, that if prejudices like your's should be cultivated by my countrymen, respecting publick officers, they will drive all but men of the stamp you describe, from their service; when they desire it, let them be punished, but not indiscriminately as you have attempted. Adieu. WILLIAM AYLETT.

BOSTON, NOVEMBER 11.

WE hear that all the continental troops have orders to repair to head quarters. Those who were under General Gates at Rhode Island, left that place last week.

By Capt. Adams, from Martinique, we are informed, that the day before he sailed, several vessels arrived there from France, and that it was reported a fierce naval engagment had taken place in the channel of England, between the combined fleets of France and Spain, and the English fleet, in which the latter was very roughly handled.

A Gentleman from Elizabeth town informs, that the enemy, to the number of 5000, have embarked, and part of them sailed, supposed to be bound to South Carolina, or the West Indies.

PHILADELPHIA, *November* 20.

LAST Wednesday an entertainment was given by Congress to the Minister Plenipotentiary of France, at which were present, by invitation, several foreigners of distinction, and Gentlemen of publick character.

IN CONGRESS, November 17, 1779.

According to order the Hon. the Chevalier de la Luzerne, Minister Plenipotentiary of his Most Cristian Majesty, was introduced to an audience by Mr. Matthews and Mr. Morris, the two members for that purpose appointed, and being seated in his chair, the Secretary of the Embassy, delivered to the President a letter from his Most Christian Majesty, of which the following is a translation.

Very dear, great friends and allies,

THE bad state of health of the Sieur Gerard, our Minister Plenipotentiary to you, having laid him under the necessity of applying for a recall, we have made choice of the Chevalier De la Luzerne, a Colonel in our service, to supply his place. We have no doubt but he will be agreeable to you, and that you will repose entire confidence in him. We pray you to give full credit to all he shall say to you on our behalf, especially when he shall assure you of the sincerity of our wishes for your prosperity, as well as of the constancy of our affection, and our friendship for the United States in general, and for each one of them in particular. We pray God to keep you, our very dear, great friends and allies, in his holy protection. Done at Versailles, the 31st of May, 1779.

Your good friend and ally,

(Signed) LOUIS.

WILLIAMSBURG, DECEMBER 11.

LAST Thursday was religiously observed as a day of Thanksgiving and Prayer to Almighty God for his favours and protection to these United States and our illustrious Ally. The Reverend James Madison, President of William & Mary college, delivered a discourse very suitable to that important occasion.

Extract of a letter from Martinique, *dated October* 13.

"A frigate has arrived here from France, which brings a certain account of 60,000 troops being embarked, and ready to take their departure. Their object is a descent on the coast of Great Britain, which, from the superiority of the combined fleets of France and Spain, to favour the operation, has the fairest prospect of succeeding."

DEATHS.] Mr. JOSHUA STORES of Henrico county, who has long been an eminent and much respected merchant in this state.

*** *We are desired to inform the publick that the negroes advertised by Mr.* John Price Posey, *are sold.*

☞ *The great increase in the prices of all the necessaries of life, and the very extravagant prices which we are obliged to give for paper and every other article used in the printing business, compels us to raise the price of our Gazette to* FIFTY DOLLARS per annum. *One half to be paid at the time of subscribing, and the other half at the expiration of twelve months. We shall continue the papers at the old price to the present customers until their subscription is out, at which time they will be discontinued, unless orders are given to the contrary.*

By His Excellency THOMAS JEFFERSON, *Esq; Governour or Chief Magistrate of the commonwealth of* VIRGINIA:

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS the exportation of provisions from this state will be attended with manifest injury to the United States, by supplying the enemy, and by rendering it difficult for the publick agents and contractors to procure supplies for the *American* troops, and will moreover give encouragement to engrossers and monopolizers to prosecute their baneful practices, I have therefore thought fit, by and with the advice and consent of the Council of State, to issue this my proclamation for laying an embargo on provisions; and I do hereby lay an embargo on provisions, *viz.* On all beef, pork, bacon, wheat, *Indian* corn, pease or other grain, or flour or meal made of the same; to continue until the first day of *May* next. And I do hereby strictly prohibit all mariners, masters, and commanders of vessels, and all other persons whatsoever within this state, from loading on board any vessel for exportation, and from exporting all or any of the above species of provisions, by land or water, from the date hereof, during the term aforesaid, under pain of incurring the penalties inflicted by the act of Assembly intitled *An act to empower the Governour and Council to lay an embargo for a limited time*, except as in the said act is excepted. And I do hereby strictly charge and command all naval officers and others, in their respective departments, to exert their best endeavours to the end that this embargo be strictly observed.

GIVEN under my hand this 30*th day of* November, 1779.

THOMAS JEFFERSON.

ANY person having a light chariot or post chaise to dispose of, may hear of a purchaser by applying to the printer hereof, before the Assembly rises. A pair of young likely carriage horses are also wanted.

WILLIAMSBURG, *December* 10, 1779.

JUST imported from *Hispaniola*, and to be sold at the College landing, a quantity of *Muscovado* sugar, and a few casks of *French* rum, either by the hogshead or barrel; the sale to continue till the end of next week. Also may be had at *Mr. Scrivenour's* in this city, a few cards of neat stone sleeve buttons.

WILLIAMSBURG, *December* 9, 1779.

TO be sold by the package or piece, *West India* rum, brown and loaf sugar, hyson and bohea tea, *Irish* and course linens, linen, cotton, and silk handkerchiefs, chints do. calico, chints, coarse cloths, lawn, muslin, cambrick, ribands, silks for winter gowns, mens and womens shoes, knives and forks, penknives, china cups and saucers.—I continue to beg bills of exchange on *England*, *France*, *Holland*, or the *West Indies*.

N. B. I want to charter two prime sailing vessels for the *West Indies*. SAMUEL BEALL.

To be SOLD *before the* Raleigh *door, on* Friday *the* 17*th instant* (December) *for ready money,*

TWO valuable negroes, belonging to the estate of *Richard Charlton*, deceased: One a woman, who is a very good cook; the other a likely young mulatto fellow, acquainted with shaving and hair dressing, and is a good waiter.—*** Those who borrowed the 1st, 4th, 30th, and 36th volumes of *Voltair's Works*, and the 2d volume of *Goldsmith's Roman History*, are desired to return them immediately.

CAMILLUS and OSCAR,

TO be sold. *Camillus*, a fine bay, 6 years old, 15 hands high, his colts are very fine, and he very fleet. He was got by Mr. *Burwell's Traveller*, whose sire was the famous horse of the same name, imported by Mr. *Morton*; his dam was got by the noted *Fearnought*, his grandam by *Dabster*, his great grandam by the late Mr. *Nelson's Spanish Barb*, out of an imported mare. *Oscar*, a beautiful sorrel, coming three, 15 hands and an inch high, begotten on *Camillus's* dam by the high blooded imported horse *Oscar*, whose pedigree is equal to that of any horse in *America*. Terms may be known by applying to the printers.

For SALE, *altogether, the following* LAW BOOKS, viz.

CUNNINGHAM's Law Dictionary, 2 vol. *Wood's* Conveyancing, 3 vol. *Bacon's* Abridgment, 5 vol. *Hawkin's* Pleas of the Crown, *Coke* on *Littleton*, Grounds and Rudiments of the Law, Principals of Equity, Rule of Pleading, Young *Clerk's* magazine, Law Grammar, *Burn's* Justice of the Peace, 4 vol. *Gilbert's* Law of Evidence, *Harrison's* Chancery, Diction in King's Bench on Poor Laws, Index to the Law, *Boote's* Suit at Law, Special Law Cases, and *Byrom's* art of writing short-hand. Any person in want of the above books, may see them by applying at Mrs. *Ann J. Gordon's*, *Broadway*, *Appomattox*; the price is 10 hhds. of tobacco or the value thereof in cash. (1)

FOR ſale, fifteen hundred and forty acres by patent (but generally ſuppoſed to contain upwards of 2000 of the beſt kind of tobacco land) lying in the county of *Granville*, *North Carolina*, 3 miles from the court-houſe, and about 220 from *Peterſburg*. For terms apply to the ſubſcriber at *Mayeux*, in *Prince George*.

(1) DAVID MEADE.

N. B. For ſale, *R. K. Meade*'s half ſhare or two two and fortieth parts of the *Great Dymal Swamp*. Apply as above.

To be ſold, by the Eſcheator of York *county, on* Thurſday *the 6th of* January *next, beginning at* 12 *o'clock, before the* Raleigh *door in* Williamſburg,

TWO tracts of land (late the property of *John* Earl of *Dunmore*) about 6 miles from this city: The one by the name of *Porto Bello*, containing 318 acres, lying on the north ſide of *Queen*'s creek; the other lying on the ſouth ſide of *York* river, adjoining the land of *Robert Wormeley Carter*, Eſq; containing 270 acres, known by the name of *Little Farm*, both tracts very convenient to the oyſter rocks, where plenty may be got at any ſeaſon. Alſo a tract (lately the property of the heirs of *John Lucas*, deceaſed) containing 205 acres, about 4 miles from the ſaid city, adjoining the land of Capt. *Samuel Timſon*. Alſo half of a very convenient ſtore and part of a lot, where *Bartlett Williams*, Eſq; now lives, oppoſite the houſe of Mr. *Maupin*, and near the market in this city, lately the property of *Graham Frank*. Likewiſe 11 negroes, conſiſting of women, boys, and girls, all young and likely, late the property of *Andrew Sprowl*, *John Earnſhaw*, and *Graham Frank*.

(4t) WILLIAM A. ROGERS, JOHN DICKESON, } Commiſſioners.

N B. The other half of the above-mentioned ſtore will be ſold at the ſame time and place.

To be SOLD to the higheſt bidder, on Wedneſday *the 3d of* January *next, on the premiſes, for ready money or ſhort credit,*

A TRACT of 390 acres of level well timbered land, on *Stony* run, in *Hanover* county, which is fine for corn and wheat, and has about 30,000 corn hills cleared. The improvements are only a clapboard dwelling-houſe, 24 by 16. Any perſon inclinable to purchaſe, may ſee the above land by applying to Mr. *Thomas Priddy*, on the premiſes. Should the above land not be ſold at the above day and place, it will be offered for ſale at the ſucceeding *Hanover* court. It lies 12 miles from *Richmond* town, 16 from *Page*'s, and 8 from the court-houſe.

(1t) BERNARD TODD.

To be SOLD by the ſubſcriber, for ready money, at his dwelling-houſe in Henrico *county, on the laſt day of* December *inſtant,*

A QUANTITY of houſehold and kitchen furniture, 2 valuable geldings, 6 likely heifers, 3 of which are with calf, and a variety of plantation utenſils. Alſo will be ſold, on the fourth day of *January* next, before Mr. *Freeman*'s door in *Richmond* town, as complete a ſet of cabinet and carpenters tools as any in the ſtate, 12 or 15 books of architecture, by the beſt and beſt authors in *Britain*, viz. *Swan*, *Pain*, *Langley*, *Halfpenny*, &c. &c.

(2) MAURICE EVINGTON.

TO BE SOLD,

A TRACT of LAND, containing 4 or 500 acres, lying in *Orange* county, has thereon a good dwelling-houſe, kitchen, and all neceſſary outhouſes, a good apple and peach orchard, and other fruit trees, and a large quantity of wheat and rye ſowed. The above land has near 8 acres of good meadow. Any perſon inclinable to purchaſe, may know the terms by applying to the ſubſcriber on the premiſes. Poſſeſſion may be had next *Chriſtmas*. Slaves or horſes will be received in part payment.

(1t) EDMUND SINGLETON.

DUMFRIES (*Prince William* county) *Nov.* 29, 1779.

ALL perſons that have any juſt demands againſt the eſtate of *Travers Downman*, deceaſed, of the county aforeſaid, are deſired to bring in their accounts properly proved, by the firſt day of *January* next enſuing, that they may be paid; and all perſons indebted to the ſaid eſtate, are deſired to make payment by the time above mentioned.

(1) THOMAS CHAPMAN, JOHN COPPIDGE, } Adm.

ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS REWARD

TO any perſon that will produce to me in *Richmond*, or to *John Roper* a little below this, a large roan horſe, upwards of 5 feet high, 4 years old, docked, but not branded that I remember, has been much worked, and carries the marks of the collar. This horſe was miſſing the evening of the 21ſt of *November*, and is ſuppoſed to be ſtolen, is a northern bred horſe, and has a very thick curled mane and foretop. (1) MILES SELDEN, Jun.

ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS REWARD

FOR bringing home, or ſecuring ſo that I get him again, my negro boy LIMUS, who was taken from my ſon's plantation, where I now live, in *Spotſylvania* county, the 22d of laſt *November*. He is about 23 years old, very black, well made, a pleaſant countenance, ſlow of ſpeech, has a ſcar on his right thigh, occaſioned by a burn, and another on his face, occaſioned by the windlaſs of a well. Any perſon complying with either of the above requeſts ſhall be entitled to the above reward, and no queſtions aſked.

(1) FRANCIS MERRIWETHER.

TAKEN up at my quarter in *Stafford* county, a large red and white ſteer, unmarked, and appears to be very old. Poſted and appraiſed to 20l. 2] LAURENCE WASHINGTON.

To be SOLD by the Eſcheator of Iſle of Wight *county, on* Monday *the* 13th *of* December, *for ready money,*

A VALUABLE tract of LAND, lying on *James* river, in *Day*'s neck, containing 400 acres, which is rich and well improved. Alſo a valuable NEGRO FELLOW, together with ſeveral LOTS and HOUSES in the town of *Smithfield*. And on *Tueſday* the 14th of the ſame month will be expoſed to ſale, ſeveral unimproved LOTS in the town of *Peterſfield*, ſituate on the mouth of *Pagan* creek, in the ſaid county.

RICHARD HARDY, BREWER GODWIN, } Commiſſioners.

FOR SALE, the land whereon the ſubſcriber now lives, in the county of *Hanover*, binding on both ſides of *Northanna* river, containing 1465 acres, a conſiderable part of which are low grounds, of an excellent quality, that lies high and in large bodies; about one third of the land is cleared, and in very good order for cropping, having thereon upwards of 220 acres ſowed in ſmall grain, the high land to clear is in general very good for tobacco, there are ſeveral large orchards of well choſen fruit; alſo two large well watered meadows that have for ſeveral years yielded very large crops of hay, the buildings on ſaid land are almoſt new and of great value, being ſufficiently good for the reception of a large and genteel family, their ſituation is high, pleaſant, and as healthy as any in this ſtate. — I would either ſell the above land in ſmall tracts or altogether, as may beſt ſuit thoſe who have a mind to purchaſe, and give poſſeſſion at *Chriſtmas*. (4t) ISAAC WINSTON.

☞ I have 2000 acres of land on *Kentucky*, that I would ſell.

FOR ſale, a valuable tract of land lying in the county of *Dinwiddie*, about 30 miles above the town of *Peterſburg*, containing 700 acres, with tolerable good improvements thereon; alſo the following tracts in the county of *Bedford*, viz. 390 acres lying on *Great Falling* river, joining the land of *John Bailey*; 2300 acres on *Lynn* and *Beaver* pond creeks, the branches of *Little Falling* river, joining the land of *Joſeph Akins*; 1095 acres lying on *Fall* creek, in the county of *Pittſylvania*, joining the land of *Samuel Harris*; alſo that valuable plantation (late the property of *John Auſtin Finnie*, deceaſed) lying on *Oppoſſom* quarter, and *Great Falling* creek, in the county of *Warren* (*North Carolina*) containing about 1000 acres. Any perſon inclinable to purchaſe, may know the terms by applying to the ſubſcriber near *Blandford*.

(3t) WILLIAM ROBERTSON.

FREDERICKSBURG, *November* 22, 1779.

FOR ſale, 300 acres of land in *Orange* county, 33 miles from *Fredrickſburg*, which formerly belonged to Mr. *Mungo Roy*, a conſtant ſtream runs through the tract, a mill ſeat and a conſiderable quantity of meadow ground; this land is inferior to none among the *South Weſt Mountains* for tobacco, corn, and wheat, though I muſt confeſs the plantation is in bad order. The terms may be known by applying to Meſſrs. *Andrew Shepherd* and *James Robb*, in *Orange*, or the ſubſcriber.

(1) JAMES SOMERVILLE.

On Thurſday *the* 22d *of* December *next will be rented as the premiſes, to the higheſt bidder, for one year,*

THE ordinary &c. at *Halifax* court-houſe, together with 300 acres of land contiguous thereto, including a large plantation, ſufficient to work 4 or 5 hands to advantage. The rent to be paid in plantation produce. Poſſeſſion to be had immediately, upon giving bond, with good ſecurity, to } ROBERT WOODING.

To be rented on the 20th *inſtant* (December) *to the higheſt bidder for one or more years,*

THE houſes where I now live, which are well ſituated for a tavern, having a good garden and every neceſſary out-houſe fit for that buſineſs in good repair. I have alſo an exceeding good billiard table with balls and ſticks which will be rented with the houſes, if not diſpoſed of before; likewiſe a valuable cook wench, a kitchen jack, ſeveral buſhels of coal, &c. &c. &c.

(2) JAMES NICHOLS.

N. B. All perſons indebted to me are requeſted to diſcharge their accounts immediately.

BARRACKS (*Albemarle*) *October* 29, 1779.

BEING authoriſed and directed by the Hon. Board of War and ordinance of the United States, to call on every perſon or perſons within this ſtate, who may have any hides or ſkins in their poſſeſſion, ſlaughtered of cattle purchaſed on account of the ſaid ſtates, to tranſmit to me, as ſoon as poſſible, an exact account of the number thereof, and in what ſtate ſuch hides and ſkins are now in, whether raw, half tanned, or tanned, that I may be able to make a proper return. It ſeems to be the opinion of that board, that neglect and fraud has been practiſed in that department, in order to remove ſuſpicions of ſuch kind for the future, and to comply with the truſt repoſed in me, I deſire that the greateſt care may be taken in currying the hides and ſkins at each poſt, and that no perſon whatever do ſell, barter, or otherwiſe diſpoſe of them without my expreſs orders. (6t) THOMAS MARKS, C. S.

TAKEN up in *Culpeper* county, near *Barnett*'s ford, a red roan mare, 9 or 10 years old, 5 feet 9 inches high, with a ſtar in her forehead, had on a ſmall bell, tied with a leather ſtrap, and branded on the near buttock I B. Alſo a dark bay mare colt, near 2 years old, a hind foot white, a ſtar in her forehead, neither docked nor branded. Poſted and appraiſed, the mare to 300l. and the colt to 200l. (1) ROBERT ALCOCK.

ALEXANDRIA, *November* 20, 1779.

TICKETS in the THIRD CLASS of the UNITED STATES LOTTERY to be sold by Capt. *William Thompson* at *Colchester*, and at this place by (1) JOSIAH WATSON.

NOVEMBER 22, 1779.

ALL persons who have demands against the estate of the Hon. *John Taylor*, are directed to apply to Mr. *Griffin Garland*, in *Richmond* county, who is empowered and directed to discharge them, by (1) THE EXECUTORS.

To be LEASED for three years,

TO commence from the first day of *January* 1780, at which time possession will be given, the plantation whereon the late Mr. *Matthew Marriott* formerly lived, lying in *Surry* county, within one mile of the court-house, and on the head of *Gray*'s creek. There is every necessary house on this plantation for the reception of a large family, and is now under good repair, there are orchards of apple and peach trees. The saw-mill with her appurtenances, and a 25 hogshead flat for the use of said mill, will be included in the lease for this plantation. Also two other tracts for the term of five years, to commence from said first day of *January* 1780, at which time possession may be had, to wit: One lying within a mile of the court-house aforesaid, is now under good repair for cropping, has such houses as are necessary for an overseer and to secure a crop, and is capable of working five or six hands to advantage. The other is situated in the neighbourhood of the last mentioned, and has such improvements as may suit a small family. The grist-mill very lately rebuilt which is included within the bounds of the first named plantation, will be leased seperate from the same. Any person inclinable to treat for the whole or either of the plantations, may know the conditions of the (several) leases by applying to me within two miles of the *Manor* plantation.

(5t) JACOB FAULCON,
guardian to the orphans.

THE commonwealth of *Virginia*, by the grace of God, *&c.* To the sheriff of *Lunenburg* county, greeting. We command you as before to summon *Michael Hawkins* to appear before our justices of our said county, in Chancery at the court-house, on the second *Thursday* in next month, to answer a bill in Chancery, exhibited against him by *Jonathan Patterson*; and this he shall in no wise omit, under the penalty of 200l. Witness, WILLIAM TAYLOR clerk of our said court, at the said court-house, the 12th day of *June*, in the third year of the commonwealth.

(*A Copy*) WILLIAM TAYLOR.

NOVEMBER 26, 1779.

ON *Thursday* the 16th of *December* next, if fair, otherwise next fair day, will be rented on the premises, to the highest bidder, till the last day of *January*, 1781, the great SALT WORKS in *Robin*'s neck, *Gloucester* county, with all the apparatus thereunto belonging, built for the use of this commonwealth; also will be sold at the same time and place, a good new SEIN 45 fathoms long, with ropes *&c.*

(1) SAMUEL DU VAL & Company.

RUN away from my plantation in *New Kent* county, a likely mulatto wench, named SYLVIA, but I expect she will alter her name, as I understand she passes for a free wench. She is about 20 years old, a short thick wench, and has a large bushy head of hair, a scar on one of her arms, occasioned by a burn. Whoever takes up the said slave, and secures her in any jail, so that I get her again, or deliver her to Mr. *James Wood* in *Williamsburg*, or to the subscriber at the *Bowling Green*, shall receive ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS reward. (2t) JOHN BAILEY.

RUN away from the subscriber in *Augusta* county, near the *Middle* river, a negro man named JAMES, about 21 years of age, has a pleasant countenance, and has lost several of his fore teeth, a hair in his right leg, which occasions him to turn his toes out as he walks; had on when he went away, a deep blue broadcloth coat, the cuffs of which were turned up with light blue. Whoever takes up the said negro, and secures him so that I get him again, shall receive 100 dollars reward.

(1) JOHN OWENS.

COMMITTED to the jail of *Culpeper* county, the first of *October* last, a tall young negro man slave, who says his name is JAMES, but that he is commonly called CANNON, and that he belongs to *Henry Miller* of *Augusta*. The owner is desired to pay charges and take him away.

(2) JOHN MILLER BELL, Jailer.

CAME to the plantation of *Thomas Graham*, living on *Middle* river, in *Augusta* county, in the night of the 31st of *August* last, a dark bay horse, about 14 hands high, paces naturally, 4 years old, branded on the near buttock thus, M. Posted and appraised to 150l. The owner is desired to take him away, proving his property, and paying reasonable charges.

(1) THOMAS GRAHAM.

CAME to Mr. *Grosvenor Duke*'s plantation in *Louisa* county, about the 28 of *December* last, a bull yearling, marked with a crop in his right ear, and some white on his back. Posted and appraised to 20l. (1) ISAAC SPENCER.

BLANDFORD, *October* 21, 1779.

RUN away from the subscriber, a negro man, who goes by the name of JEMMY BALTIMORE, about 34 or 35 years old, 5 feet 8 inches high, and well made, has a scar on the crown of his head, about the bigness of a dollar, which is bald, his dress is such as watermen commonly wear, which business he has been long used to. I have some reason to think he will make for *Baltimore*, where he formerly lived I will give a reward of ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS, on his being secured in any jail, and if brought to me in this town, in proportion for their trouble.

(1) ALEXANDER ROBERTSON.

STOLEN out of my pasture on *Cock*'s road, in *Dinwiddie* county, the 10th of this instant, *October*, a black mare, about 12 or 13 years old, with hanging mane and switch tail, some saddle spots, branded on the near buttock I B, and paces natural. I have reason to believe she was carried off by a deserter, and probably will make for *Pedee*, in *North Carolina*. Whoever delivers the said mare and thief, shall have 100l. reward, or mare alone 100 dollars

(1) SOLOMON DAVIS.

FREDERICKSBURG, *November* 5, 1779.

STRAYED or stolen from hence, a sorrel horse, about 14 hands high, with a star in his forehead, about 7 years old, has some saddle spots, and a bony excrescence on one of his hinder joints, a hanging mane and switch tail, paces, trots, and gallops. I will give THIRTY DOLLARS reward for the delivery of the above horse to me. (1) JACOB WHITLER.

ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS REWARD.

STRAYED or stolen from a pasture near *Alexandria* on the night of the 8th instant *(October)* a sorrel GELDING, with a small blaze, a long tail, about 15 hands high, 7 or 8 years old, strong made and high boned, he paces, trots, and gallops. Whoever takes up the said horse and delivers him to Mr. *William Herbert*, in *Alexandria*, Mr. *Patrick Murray*, in *Winchester*, or to the deputy quarter master general in *Leesburg*, shall for apprehending the horse and thief, receive the above reward, or for the horse alone, 50 dollars and reasonable charges. (4t) MORGAN CONNOR.

TAKEN up, at the plantation of *R. C. Nicholas*, Esq; at *Westham*, in *November* 1778; 3 BARROWS, marked with a crop, swallowfork, and overkeel in the left ear, and two nicks in the right. Posted and appraised to 18o1.

WILLIAM WALKER.

TAKEN up in *Prince William* county, a dark brindled heifer about 3 years old next spring, marked with a swallowfork in the left ear, and a half spade taken off the upper part of the right. Also a dark brindled steer, with the above marks and age. Appraised, the heifer to 40s. and the steer to 55s.

(1) WILLIAM BAILS.

TAKEN up in *Surry* county, a bay mare, about 4 feet 3 or 8 inches high, her mane hanging on both sides her neck, about 7 or 8 years old, a small star in her forehead. Posted and appraised to 30o1. (1) JESSE WARREN.

TAKEN up in *Chesterfield* county, on *Farling* creek, some time last *December*, a red heifer, about 3 old next spring, marked with a crop and hole in the right ear, and hole in the left. Posted and appraised to 30l. (1) WILLIAM FARMER.

TAKEN up in *Rockingham* county, *Brock*'s gap, a small brown mare, about 12 hands high, 4 years old, branded on the near shoulder thus, IRH and near buttock I M, and off shoulder R. Posted and appraisedto 12 l.

(1) JOHN KEPLINGER, Jun.

TAKEN up in *Prince Edward* county, on *Briar* river, a brindle pied cow, marked with a crop and slit in the right ear, appears to be about 12 years old. Appraised to 20l.

(1) JOHN BIGGAR Jun.

TAKEN up in Nansemond *county, a chestnut sorrel horse, about 9 years old, 13¼ hands high, with a star in his forehead, walk made, trots and paces, his right ear creped, part of his off hind foot white, and had a hanging mane and switch tail. Posted and appraised to* 200l. (1) MICHAEL KING.

TAKEN up in King George *county, near* Boyd's *hole, a dark bay mare, about* 10 *years old,* 13 *hands high, hanging mane and switch tail, gallops and trots, branded on the near buttock* +, *and came to my plantation in* September 1778, *since has a foal. Posted and appraised to* 75l. (1) WILLIAM M'GILEVRAY.

TAKEN up in Prince Edward *county, near* Sandy *river church, a black horse, about* 8 *years old,* 4 *feet* 6½ *inches high, a star in his forehead, some white hairs on his back, branded on the near shoulder, but not legible. Appraised to* 160l.

(1) PETER NUNNELY.

TAKEN up on Waqua *creek, in* Brunswick *county, a likely bay mare,* 2 *or* 3 *years old last spring, with a small white spot in her forehead, and both hind feet white,* 4 *feet* 6½ *inches high, docked but not branded. Appraised to* 200l.

(1) GEORGE WALKER.